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TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJ: VISIT OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

1. DURING THEIR VISIT TO NEW DELHI JULY 7-9, THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS WERE RECEIVED WARMLY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. THEY MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, MORARJI DESAI; DEFENSE MINISTER, JAGJIVAN RAM; PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER, RAVINDRA VARMA; AND SPEAKER OF THE LOK SBHA AND RECENTLY DESIGNATED CONSENSUS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF INDIA, SANJIVA REDDY. BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS, FOREIGN MINISTER A.B. VAJPAYEE HAD TO CANCEL HIS MEETING WITH THE GROUP, BUT FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA EXTENDED HIS SESSION WITH THE FELLOWS TO PRESENT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY WHICH LASTED MORE THAN TWO HOURS. THE FELLOWS ALSO CALLED UPON Y.B. CHAVAN, THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE THE GROUP HAD BRIEFINGS AT THE SECRETARY LEVEL AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION. INDICATIVE OF THE LEVEL ATTENTION GIVEN THE VISITORS BY THE GOI WAS THE PRESENCE OF THE THREE VICE CHIEFS OF STAFF AT THE MEETING WITH THE DEFENSE MINISTER

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AND OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY DURING THE CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. COMMENT. THE GOI WAS EXCEPTIONALLY RESPONSIVE TO OUR REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS AND SET ASIDE ONE HALF TO ONE HOUR FOR THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL CALLS. WHILE THE FELLOWS MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED IN EVERY INSTANCE DEFINI-

TIVE RESPONSES TO THEIR PERCEPTIVE QUESTIONS, IN OUR  
VIEW THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN VALUABLE IMPRES-  
SIONS OF SEVERAL KEY, AND MOSTLY VETERAN, POLITICAL  
AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS OF INDIA. THE PRIME MINISTER  
GAVE AN EXPOSITION OF HIS WORLD VIEW IN A PHILOSOPHICAL  
SESSION. HE SPOKE WARMLY OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
PRESIDZXT CARTER, STATING HIS ADMIRATION OF THE PRE-  
SIDENT'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS BUT ALSO CAUTIVKING  
O THAT THE US SHOULD NOT PLUNGE TOO DEEPLY IPLO THIS  
ISSUE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS  
INDIAN GOVERNMENTS, THE DESAI ADMINISTRATION IN ITS  
RECEPTION OF THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS APPEARS TO HAVE  
SEEN THE VALUE IN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE  
INDIAN SYSTEM TO OFFICIAL VISITORS WHO NOT ONLY ARE  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
BUT ALSO REPRESENT INFORMED OPINION FROM MANY SECTIONS  
OF AMERICA.  
GOHEEN

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